

Zaxcom Digital Wireless System QRX100 User's Manual



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Consumer Alert

Most users do not need a license to operate a wireless microphone system. Nevertheless, operating a microphone system without a license is subject to certain restrictions:

- the system may not cause harmful interference,
- it must operate at a low power level (not in excess of 50 milliwatts),
- it has no protection from interference received from any other device.

Purchasers should also be aware that the FCC is currently evaluating the use of wireless microphone systems, and these rules are subject to change. For more information, call the FCC at 1-888-CALL-FCC (TTY: 1-888-TELL-FCC) or visit the FCC's wireless microphone website at:

www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones. To operate wireless microphone systems transmitting with greater than 50mW of radiated power, you must qualify as a Part 74 user and be licensed.

NOTE: This alert does **NOT** apply to Part 74 users.

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Chapter I – Common Topics

User Manual Conventions

Throughout this manual, the following conventions are used:

- **button** – refers to an on-screen (VIRTUAL) object that represents a parameter that can be viewed and/or changed.
- **cycle the power** – refers to turning 'OFF' the power to the unit, waiting a few seconds and then turning it back 'ON'.
- **IFB ?** – IFB followed by transmitter or frequency refers to the IFB portion of the bodypack or hand mic transmitter, or the IFB100 transmitter.
- **key** – refers to a PHYSICAL object on the unit for the Operator to change and/or view a parameter or to navigate through the menus.
- **{p.##}** – refers to the page number where the referenced item is located.
- **starting value** – refers to a value that should be used for a particular parameter and for all of the parameters when the Operator is having difficulty getting the unit to work correctly. The value is **highlighted**.
- **UHF ?** – UHF followed by transmitter or frequency refers to the UHF portion of the bodypack or hand mic transmitter

NOTE: A green **NOTE** is a helpful hint or bit of information.

IMPORTANT: A blue **IMPORTANT** note indicates something more important than a green NOTE.

CAUTION: A yellow **CAUTION** note indicates a situation that, if ignored, could cause a significant problem.

WARNING: A red **WARNING** note indicates a situation that, if ignored, could cause damage to you, your equipment and/or your reputation.

System Features

- Four channel UHF diversity audio receiver
- Optional built-in IFB return channel transmitter / receiver
- Optional SMPTE timecode reader / generator
- Four channel side mounted LED meters (Pat. Pend.)
- Backlit graphic liquid crystal display
- Battery runtime:
 - QRX100 – no internal batteries, always runs on external power
- Size and weight: (H x W x D – while looking at the screen)
 - QRX100 – 1.25" x 3.28" x 5.03" – 32 mm x 83 mm x 128 mm – 6.0 oz – 170g

Configuration Choices

- QRX100S – 2-channel ENG receiver (from a single stereo transmitter)
- QRX100Q – 4-channel ENG receiver (from up to two stereo transmitters)

What's included with the QRX100

- 2 – SMA 'Whip' Antennas
- 1 – power connector
- 2 – TA-5F audio output connectors
- 1 – blue Zaxcom storage/carrying case
- this user's manual on CD-ROM

Options

- QIFB – Internal 2.4 GHz IFB audio, timecode and remote control transmitter / receiver (includes 2.4 GHz SMA antenna)
- Camera bracket & mounting hardware
- A/C power supply
- 8 dB gain passive 50-ohm log-periodic ("Shark-fin") antenna

- 2.4 GHz, 6 dB gain, omni-directional antenna – Recommended for indoor or studio use where it can be placed in the center of the studio.
- 2.4 GHz, 15 dB gain, directional antenna – Recommended for positioning against a wall, or when a directional transmission is desired.
- 10 foot cable (~3 meter) from the QRX100 to the 2.4 GHz antenna

Menu System



Figure 1-1 QRX100 keys

The user interface for each unit consists of a Liquid Crystal Display with at least the following keys:

- **MENU** – Each time the **MENU** key is pressed, the next page/field in the current menu is displayed on the screen.
- **INC** (up arrow) – Increment the current parameter selected by the **MENU** key.
- **DEC** (down arrow) – Decrement the current parameter selected by the **MENU** key.

Each menu has several pages allowing you to change configuration settings. All of these settings are stored in Flash ROM immediately after making the change.

External Power

Some of the units can be powered from an external power source. The external power connection is a 2.5 mm (0.1") barrel connector. The center pin is positive. The connector for the receiver (Switchcraft 761K) is longer than the connector for the STAxxx and IFB100 (Switchcraft 760K). The 760K will not work in any of the receivers.



Figure 1-2 External Power Polarity

Operating Frequencies

Audio

All audio transmitters and receivers operate on one of the following frequency blocks:

Block	Frequency Range	TV Channels	Antenna Length
20	518.0 to 542.0	22 to 25	5.00"
21	536.0 to 572.0	25 to 30	4.48"
22	560.0 to 590.0	29 to 33	4.24"
23	590.0 to 614.0	34 to 37	4.01"
24	614.0 to 644.0	38 to 42	3.81"
25	638.0 to 668.0	42 to 46	3.81"
26	662.0 to 692.0	46 to 50	3.62"

Block	Frequency Range	TV Channels	Antenna Length
27	686.0 to 722.0	50 to 55	3.46"
28	722.0 to 746.0	56 to 59	3.31"
29	740.0 to 770.0	59 to 63	3.18"
30	764.0 to 794.0	63 to 67	3.08"
31	794.0 to 818.0	68 to 71	2.99"
32	818.0 to 842.0	72 to 75	2.92"
33	860.0 to 872.0	79 to 80	2.87"
UK	606.0 to 636.0		3.91"

Table 1-1 Audio Frequency Block Information

IMPORTANT: As of 12 June 2009, the USA has phased out analog television. As a result, on 12 June 2010 frequencies between 698.0 and 806.0 MHz are no longer available for use in the USA.

NOTE: As currently scheduled, on 31 August 2011, Canada will phase out analog television. As a result, on that day, frequencies between 698.0 and 806.0 MHz will no longer be available for use in Canada.

NOTE: Antenna length is measured from the base of the whip, where it is attached to the connector. The length of the antenna varies with the frequency block. The actual length of the antenna is not as critical as it might appear in the table. The antenna's usage bandwidth is +/- 50 MHz from the center frequency, so it is acceptable to use an antenna from an adjacent block above or below the operating frequency.

IMPORTANT: Only the frequencies in one specific block are available to a particular transmitter and its associated receiver. Coordinate with your dealer to determine which block(s) are the best to use in your area(s).

Remote Control, Timecode and IFB Feed

In the QRX100, if the IFB option (QIFB) is installed, their worldwide frequency range is: 2.403 to 2.475 GHz

Antenna Cable Selection

When selecting a cable, it should be as short as possible. When using standard cable, the recommendation is to not exceed 10 feet. However, if greater than 10 feet is needed, a very low loss cable should be used.

For maximum performance, use only high quality 50-ohm coax cable and the absolute minimum necessary to get the job done. Otherwise, the receiver's sensitivity may suffer.

When installing cables permanently, use 1/2" Andrew heliax (<http://awapps.commscope.com/catalog>). Using heliax cable, a run of 100 feet (~ 30.5 meters) can be achieved without significant power loss.

Associated Products User's Manuals

Zaxcom Digital Wireless System, Transmitters – User's Manual
 Zaxcom Digital Wireless System, Receivers – User's Manual
 Zaxcom Digital Wireless System, IFB & Remote Control – User's Manual
 Zaxcom Deva Recorders – User's Manual
 Zaxcom Fusion Recorders – User's Manual

Product Support

Download the latest **Firmware** from: http://www.zaxcom.com/support_software_updates.htm.
 Download the latest **User Manuals** from: http://www.zaxcom.com/support_instructional_manuals.htm.
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Submit Technical Questions at: http://www.zaxcom.com/support_submit_tech_questions.htm.
 Request an **RMA #** at: http://www.zaxcom.com/support_repair_services.htm.

Chapter 2 – Next Generation Receivers

This chapter is intended to quickly familiarize you with the functions of each of the Next Generation Digital Wireless System receivers.

Getting to Know Your QRX100 ENG Diversity Receiver

This section was written based on firmware version **0.79**.

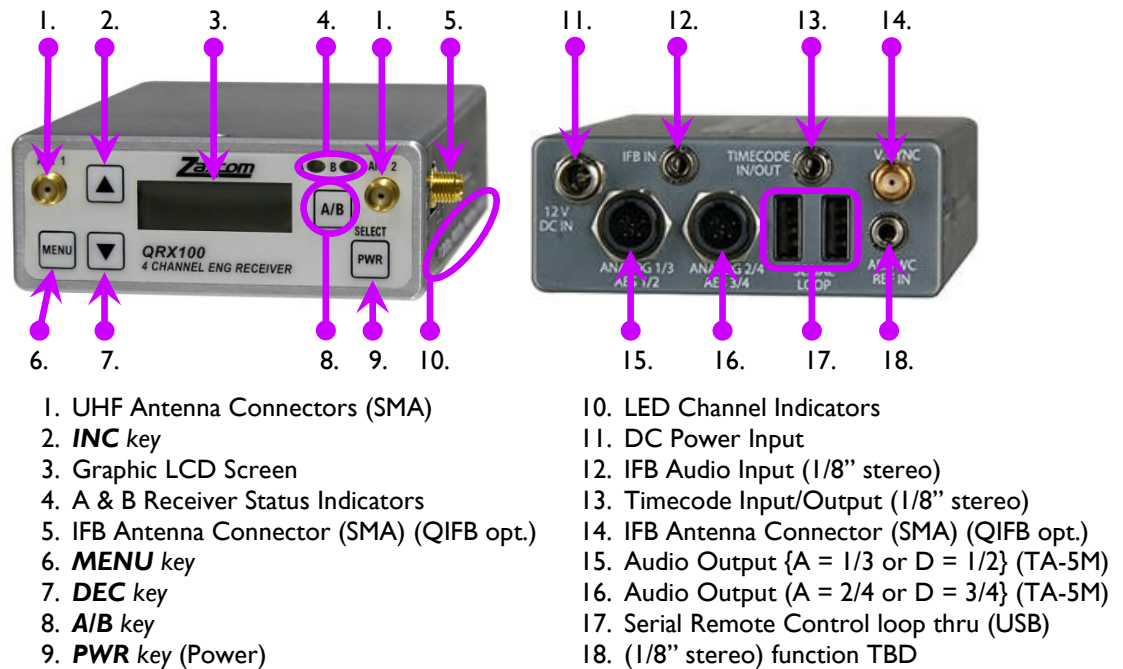


Figure 2-1 QRX100 Front & Rear Views

WARNING: The USB connectors (#17 above) are **NOT** generic USB connectors that can be used as a connection to any computer. They are used to exchange RS-422/RS-485 commands. A special peripheral card is required to do this and **NOT** cause damage to the control board in the QRX100.

Available Configurations

Mono Receiver

The unit contains two mono receivers that work together as one receiver in receiver diversity mode.

Stereo Receiver

The unit contains two stereo receivers that work together in receiver diversity mode.

Quad Receiver

The unit contains two stereo receivers that work independently in antenna diversity mode.

Automatically Configured Parameter

In other receivers, both Zaxcom's and other manufacturers, when the wireless kit has the ability (if any) to be configured as a mono or stereo, it was done **MANUALLY**. As long as the transmitter is configured with a wideband mode, the QRX100 receiver can detect how the transmitter was configured and **AUTOMATICALLY** adjust itself, as appropriate. If the transmitter is/was configured as **EUROPEAN**, it is necessary to change the [UHF Signal Format page {p.19}](#), as appropriate. The end result is one less parameter to be changed if the receiver is being used for a different connection. The current transmitter **UHF Signal Format page** parameters are:

- **US MONO** – (Wideband mode, mono signal) This format is recommended for US customers and other countries where a wideband channel is legal.
- **US MONO-R** – (Wideband mode, mono signal) Similar to **US MONO**. This can be used with the STAxXX to force the audio to the right channel.

- **STEREO** – (Wideband mode, stereo signal) This format is recommended for US customers and other countries where a wideband channel is legal.
- **EUROPEAN** – (Narrowband mode, mono signal) This format is recommended for European customers and other countries where a wideband channel is NOT legal.

NOTE: Wideband mode = 200 KHz channel bandwidth. Narrowband mode = 120 KHz channel bandwidth.

Device Interface

PWR key

To turn 'ON' the power, it is necessary to press the **PWR** key until the Boot-sequence begins.

To turn 'OFF' the power, it is necessary to press the **PWR** key until the Power Down page displays **POWER IS OFF**.

The receiver requires an external 12 VDC source. This power source can range from 7 to 18 VDC. The power connector is described in [External Power](#) {p.7}.

A/B key

Some pages in the menu system require selecting which UHF receiver to adjust. This is carried-out by pressing the **A/B** key.

A & B Receiver Status Indicators

They are located on the front panel, on the right side above the **A/B** key. They indicate:

- Solid Red – that particular receiver is not receiving a valid signal. (Occurs for @ 15 seconds after any keypress. It then reverts to the next indication, "Intermittent Red flashes".)
- Intermittent Red flashes – a reminder that the receiver is still not picking-up a transmitter.
- Solid Green – that receiver is well ... correctly receiving ... the signal.
- Solid Green with occasional Red flashes – that receiver saw a problem with the signal coming from one of the antennas and switched to the other antenna. Watch the [Pacifier page](#) {p.15} to see this in action.

What exactly is a Valid Signal? First, obviously, the transmitter must be turned 'ON'. Next, the receiver has to be tuned to the transmitter's frequency. Last, it has to have the same Encryption Code as the transmitter.

NOTE: What? Don't we have to set it for Stereo or Mono? One of the many advantages of the new receivers is the UHF Signal Format is detected and the receiver is setup automatically.

LED Channel Indicators

As you are looking at the front panel, they are located on the bottom of the right side, in 4 groups of 3 LEDs. Go to the [Test Tone page](#) {p.16}, and change it to **CHAN-ID**. This is the easy way to learn which LED group displays each of the receiver's levels. Their brightness is controlled by the [LED Dimmer page](#) {p.20}.

Connections

This section describes the physical connectors on the receiver:

Audio Output Connectors

There are two TA-5M connectors on the back panel. How they are used varies based on the configuration (Mono, Stereo, Quad) purchased.

Analog output is Line-level, with the signal output level at -2 dB. There is 20 dB of system headroom.

IMPORTANT: The Audio Output connectors can carry analog or digital signals. While sending digital output, it IS NECESSARY that the unit on the other end (recorder, mixer, etc) have digital inputs with sample rate convertors, as there is NO way to synchronize the output data with the recorder's digital input.

NOTE: All Fusions and Deva 16 have sample rate convertors on ALL digital inputs. Deva 5.8s have sample rate convertors, if they have a REV C or later DSP board, as displayed in the About Deva page.

Mono Receiver

Both connectors have the same signals. The digital output is duplicated to both connectors. The following table describes the pin-outs:

Pin	Analog	Digital
1	Ground	Ground
2	Channel +	Channel I/I +
3	Channel -	Channel I/I -
4	N/C	N/C
5	N/C	N/C

Table 2-1 Mono Receiver Audio Pin-outs

Stereo Receiver

Each connector is attached to its own receiver channel. The left connector is for the left side of the stereo pair and the right connector is for the right side of the stereo pair, also used by the private line functionality. The digital outputs are duplicated to both connectors. The following table describes the pin-outs:

Pin	Analog	Digital
1	Ground	Ground
2	Channel +	Channel I/2 +
3	Channel -	Channel I/2 -
4	N/C	N/C
5	N/C	N/C

Table 2-2 Stereo Receiver Audio Pin-outs

Quad Receiver

Each connector is attached to both receivers (referred to as RXA and RXB in the menus). The left connector has both left channels and the right connector has both right channels. The end result is if you are only using a mono source, such as a bodypack transmitter, and are using the analog output, all you have to do is use the left connector. That's the 1 and 3 in the table below. If you need the secondary (right) channels (i.e., for private line functionality), attach the right connector. That's the 2 and 4 in the table below. Notice that if you use the digital outputs, the left connector has both the left and right channels for the first (RXA) receiver and the right connector has both channels for the second (RXB) receiver. The following table describes the pin-outs:

Pin	Analog	Digital
1	Ground	Ground
2	Channel 1 (2) +	Channel 1/2 (3/4) +
3	Channel 1 (2) -	Channel 1/2 (3/4) -
4	Channel 3 (4) +	
5	Channel 3 (4) -	

Table 2-3 Quad Receiver Audio Pin-outs

UHF Antenna Connectors

The front of the receiver has two SMA connectors, intended to connect to external 50-ohm log-periodic ("Shark-fin") or whip antennas. For best performance, keep any transmitters at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from the antennas. This is because strong radio frequency sources reduce the receiver's sensitivity. The receiver is optimized for properly tuned external log-periodic antennas. When whip antennas are used, there is a noticeable reduction in the receiver's range. You should periodically check that the connector is still securely tightened.

USB Connectors

This is for remote control from a computer with a purpose built software package. They provide a loop through connection for additional unit(s). RS-422 and RS-485 communication protocols are supported at 115kb (3.3V). The USB connectors are not currently functional.

QRX100 Configuration Menus

There are four **Standard**, eleven **Extended** and seven **Factory Setup** menu pages, as follows:

Standard Menu	Extended Menu	Factory Setup Menu
Pacifier page {p.15}	Receiver Mode page {p.18}	Software Update page {p.24}
UHF Frequency Select page {p.16}	AES Output Routing page {p.18}	Reception Error Counters page {p.24}
Test Tone page {p.16}	Analog Output Routing page {p.18}	VCO page {p.25}
UHF Frequency Scan page {p.16}	Software Update page {p.19}	Mystery page {p.25}
	UHF Signal Format page {p.19}	DBits page {p.25}
	IFB Option page {p.19}	AGC page {p.25}
	Power Saver page {p.19}	Tube Synth page {p.25}
	Backlight Timer page {p.20}	
	LED Dimmer page {p.20}	
	LED Meter Mode page {p.20}	
	Encryption Code page {p.21}	

Table 2-4 QRX100 Receiver Standard, Extended & Factory Setup Menus

Each time the **MENU** key is pressed, the next page in the current menu is displayed on the screen.

QRX100 Bootup Sequences

Standard Bootup Sequence

VA-AAA PLD 54A5	(A-AAA – Indicates the currently installed firmware version.)
RF TUNE FAILED	(OPTIONAL PAGE: If you get this, don't worry.)
ZAXCOM VA-AAA QRX100 SNZZZZ	(ZZZZ – Indicates the unit's serial number.)
02 27 1E 00 06 37 00 00	(OPTIONAL PAGE: If you get this, don't worry.)
A - ⚡ B - ⚡	

Table 2-5 Standard Bootup Sequence

Extended Menu Bootup Sequence

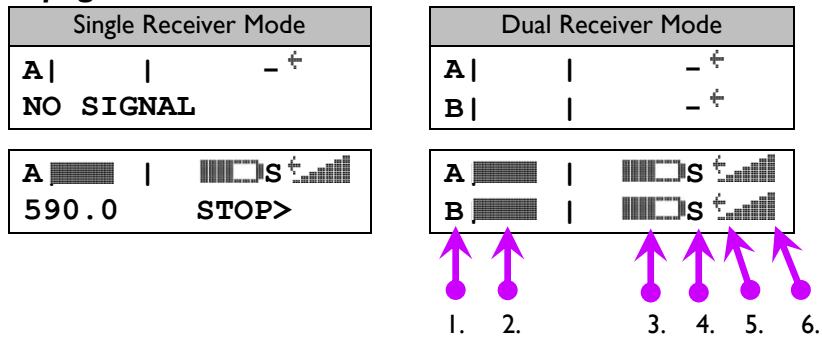
VA-AAA PLD 54A5
ZAXCOM VA_AAA QRX100 SNZZZZ
EXTENDED MENU PRESS UP TO EXIT

Table 2-6 Extended Menu Bootup Sequence

QRX100 Standard Menu

The Standard menu contains the most common pages that need to be worked-with/adjusted/reviewed on a daily basis.

Pacifier page



Page purpose: When you power up the unit, this page appears and displays the following information:

- antenna being used,
- signal strength,
- audio level
- receiver reception format
- transmitter recorder status
- transmitter battery capacity

Parameters:

Item (1) above – Indicates which receiver

A – is the left receiver.

B – is the right receiver.

NOTE: While the unit is in Single Receiver Mode it is operating in true {receiver} diversity. Even if you turn 'ON' a transmitter tuned to what was the right receiver's frequency, there is NO indication on the QRX100 that this has happened. (see: [Receiver Mode page](#) {p.18}).

Item (2) – Indicates the audio level at the receiver

The audio bars (one for each receiver), extends from the left to the right of this area, the right ending point being 0dBFS. With no input signal, the left vertical bar is the origin of the level indicator. The next vertical bar to the right is the -20dBFS mark.

Item (3) – Indicates transmitter's battery level

A diagram of a battery is displayed, very similar to the same image on the transmitter's Pacifier page. A full battery starts filling in with Green from the right side as it start running down. An empty battery is an outline. The battery symbol starts blinking just before shutdown (maybe 10 mins).

Item (4) – Indicates transmitter's recorder status

- S (STOP) It is STOPPED or does not have a card installed.
- R (REC) It is in RECORD.
- P (PLAY) It is in PLAYBACK.
- – (NO SIGNAL) It is UNKNOWN. This occurs if the associated transmitter is turned "OFF".

Item (5) – Indicates which receiver antenna is being used



< – Indicates the signal is being received by ANTENNA 1 (left antenna connector).



> – Indicates the signal is being received by ANTENNA 2 (right antenna connector).



Item (6) – Indicates RF signal strength

A staircase pattern with the lowest step (low signal strength) on the left and building up as it progresses to the right (higher signal strength).

UHF Frequency Select page

Single Receiver Mode	
CHA>560.0	
MONO	

Dual Receiver Mode	
CHA>560.0	
CHB 561.0	

CHA>560.0	
ST	

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to change the frequency of each receiver.

Parameters: (valid range: 512.0 to 752.0, value step: 0.1)

An arrow (>) in character position 4 identifies which receiver is available to be modified.

Press the **A/B** key to change between the two receivers.



Press the **INC** key or **DEC** key to change the indicated receiver's frequency.

Test Tone page

TONE :	
OFF	

TONE :	
-20dBFS	

TONE :	
CHAN-ID	

TONE :	
+0dBFS	

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to send a test tone from the receiver to set levels on the next piece of equipment (usually a camera or a recorder). The level is also displayed on the LED Channel Indicators.

Parameters:

- **+0dBFS** – this selection simultaneously sends tone to all 4 channels at 0dBFS.
- **CH-ID** – this selection sequentially sends a -20dBFS tone to each channel in turn and turns 'ON' the LED Channel Indicators for that channel.
- **-20dBFS** – this selection simultaneously sends tone to all 4 channels at -20dBFS.
- **OFF** – the test tone is not output. Any audio being metered is being received live.

The left vertical bar is the origin of the level indicator, the right vertical bar is the -20dBFS mark and just short of the right edge of the screen is 0dBFS.

UHF Frequency Scan page

PRESS ↑ TO SCAN
TO SCAN (RXA)

SCANNING 545.3

TAKE 585.4?

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to scan an entire block and quickly choose the quietest frequency to use.

Parameters:

Selecting the Receiver Channel

The bottom line appears if the unit is in Dual Receiver Mode. The receiver channel selected in the [UHF Frequency Select page {p.16}](#) is used initially. At this point, pressing the **A/B** key on the front panel changes the choice.

Starting a Scan

Press the **INC** key to start a scan. The receiver searches every possible frequency.

A full scan takes less than 5 seconds. While the block is being scanned, the frequency being examined is displayed in the bottom half of the screen. Once the scan has completed, a graphic of the block is displayed.

The low end of the block is on the left side and the high end is on the right. Wherever interference is found, a vertical line (Interference Line) is drawn. It extends from the baseline up. The length of the Interference Line indicates the level or strength of the interference at that frequency.

Finally, the function draws a vertical blinking line on the graphic to indicate where the first best suggestion (the quietest frequency) occurs in the scan and displays the frequency number below the graphic as "TAKE nnn.n?".

Accept the Current Suggestion

Press the **INC** key to load the selected frequency into the previously selected receiver channel.

Display the Next Suggestion

Press the **A/B** key to discard the currently selected frequency. The function removes the previous vertical blinking line, looks up the next suggestion, inserts the next vertical blinking line at the appropriate position and overwrites the previous suggested frequency number with the next suggested frequency number.

Re-scan the Block

Press the **DEC** key to perform another scan of the block.

NOTE: Currently, the Re-Scan process does NOT accumulate results from successive scans. Howy is planning to add the capability at a future date.

Starting a New Scan

Repeatedly press the **MENU** key until you have stepped all the way around the menu back to the **UHF Frequency Scan page**.

Best Practice: Scanning for a Low Noise Frequency

1. Repeatedly press the **MENU** key until **SCAN** is displayed.
2. Press the **INC** key to start the scanning process. Ensure the transmitter is 'OFF' before starting the scan.
3. Press the **INC** key again to load the selected frequency into the receiver. The menu advances to the next page.

Best Practice: Finding the Quietest Frequencies for Multiple Transmitters

1. Turn all transmitters 'OFF'.
2. Select the first receiver.
3. Perform a scan.
4. Accept the first (best) suggestion for a quiet channel by pressing the **INC** key.
5. Turn 'ON' the transmitter associated with this receiver and tune it to the specified frequency.
6. Place the transmitter at least 20 feet (6 meters) away from the scanning receiver's antennas.
7. Go to the next receiver. Obviously, if you are selecting the frequency for a QRX100 while it's in Dual Receiver mode, go back to the [UHF Frequency Scan page {p.16}](#) and press the **A/B** key to select the other receiver.
8. Repeat steps 3 thru 7 until all of the wireless links have been established.

NOTE: At any time in this page, the **MENU** key may be pressed to exit. This will not change the frequency.

Since the most recently selected frequency is now occupied, the next receiver to perform a scan finds the next quietest frequency. Repeat this procedure for each additional transmitter. This procedure assumes that all of the wireless links will be operating in the same block.

QRX100 Extended Menu

EXTENDED MENU
PRESS ↑ TO EXIT

The Extended Menu contains pages that normally do not have to be changed on a regular basis.

Entering the Extended Menu

1. Go to the [Pacifier page](#) {p.15}.
2. Press and hold the **DEC** key until the Extended Menu page is displayed.

Exiting the Extended Menu

- Hold down the **MENU** key to get back to this page and press the **INC** key.
- OR**
- Press the **PWR** key.

NOTE: All changes are saved to Flash ROM as soon as they are committed.

Receiver Mode page

RX MODE :
DUAL

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to control whether the unit will function as a single receiver or as two independent receivers.

Parameters:

- **DUAL** – This configures the unit to operate as two independent stereo capable receivers.
- **SINGLE** – This configures the unit to operate as a single stereo capable receiver.

NOTE: Single mode (true diversity) enables both receivers to work together. This results in a 4 dB increase in sensitivity over Dual mode, which is about a 30% increase in range. In addition, this mode is able to correct a ton of reception errors.

Dual mode uses antenna switching diversity.

NOTE: If you are only using one transmitter, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you use **SINGLE** mode.

AES Output Routing page

AES-12 : OFF
AES-34 : OFF

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to determine which channel pairs will be output as digital data.

Parameters: [OFF, OFF] / [ON, ON] / [OFF, ON] / [ON, OFF]

Analog Output Routing page (Single Receiver Mode ONLY)

OUTPUT ROUTING :
C1=L C2=R

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to determine which analog audio is present at each connector.

Parameters: [C1=L C2=R] / [C1=LR]

Software Update page

PRESS ↑ TO
UPDATE SOFTWARE

UPDATE DISABLED
IN DUAL RX

Page purpose: This page sets up this receiver to have its program updated by over-the-air transmission from a TRXxxx transmitter.

Parameters: N/A

See [Upgrading the Firmware in each QRX series unit {p.33}](#) for more information.

If the unit is currently in Dual Receiver mode, instead of seeing the normal page, you'll see the second one above.

NOTE: It is **NOT** possible to update the firmware while in Dual Receiver mode.

UHF Signal Format page

Single Receiver Mode
RXA FMT NORMAL

Dual Receiver Mode
RXA>FMT NORMAL
RXB FMT NORMAL

Page purpose: This page controls the ability to receive wideband vs. narrowband signals.

Parameters:

- **NARROW** – required to correctly receive from a transmitter that has its **UHF Signal Format page** set to **EUROPEAN**.
- **NORMAL** – required to correctly receive from a transmitter that has its **UHF Signal Format page** set to **US MONO**, **US MONO-R** or **STEREO**.

NOTE: About now, you might be saying to yourself “Why ‘narrow?’”. **EUROPEAN** signal format uses 125 KHz bandwidth, whereas the other formats {**US MONO**, **US MONO-R** and **STEREO**} use 200 KHz.

IMPORTANT: For the **MAJORITY** of users, this page will be kept set to **NORMAL**.

NOTE: While using a QUAD receiver, you CAN set the receivers differently, allowing the ability to receive one transmitter set to **US MONO** and the other set to **EUROPEAN**.

IMPORTANT: Any change to this page **REQUIRES** a reboot before the new setting takes effect.

IFB Option page

IFB OPTION:
ON

Page purpose: This page enables/disables the IFB Transmitter/Receiver module and disables displaying the IFB Option menu.

Parameters: [OFF] / [ON]

Power Saver page

POWER SAVER:
ON

Page purpose: This page enables/disables the QRX100's power saver function.

Parameters: [OFF] / [ON]

Backlight Timer page

BACKLIGHT TIMER
ALWAYS ON

Page purpose: This page controls how long the LCD backlight stays illuminated.

Parameters:

- **ALWAYS ON**
- (valid range: 1 to 5 to 29 SECONDS, value step: 1)
- **OFF**

LED Dimmer page

LED DIMMER:
OFF

Page purpose: This page maintains the intensity of the LED indicators on the side of the unit.

Parameters:

- **OFF**
- [1] / [2] / [3] / [4] / [5] / [6] / [7] / [8] / [12] / [16] / [20] / [24] / [28] / [32] / [36] / [40] / [44] / [48] / [52] / [56] / [60]
- [59] / [55] / [51] / [47] / [43] / [39] / [35] / [31] / [27] / [23] / [19] / [15] / [11] / [7] / [6] / [5] / [4] / [3] / [2] / [1]
- **BRIGHT**

NOTE: Obvious, but, a reminder ... If you will be using the unit where you will not benefit from seeing the level lights on the side (i.e., on a cart or in a bag), set this page to **OFF**. Also, if you will be operating out of a bag and/or running on batteries, turning Off the LEDs will dramatically reduce power consumption and heat.

IMPORTANT: While you are experimenting with your QRX100 channel lights within arms distance, it is **HIGHLY ADVISED** to adjust their intensity to below 20. While not damaging to the eyes, they can be set bright enough to cause pain from extended use. So be CAREFUL.

LED Meter Mode page

LED METER MODE:
OFF

Page purpose: This page controls the display of the signal present indicator.

Parameters:

- **BLUE FULL TIME** – turns the right most LED Blue for each channel that is receiving a valid RF signal. When the audio becomes loud enough to display a level for that channel, it will continue to show Blue but with a tint of the overall color being displayed in the rest of that channel's LEDs.
- **BLUE PART TIME** – turns the right most LED Blue for each channel that is receiving a valid RF signal. Once the audio level has gotten to the point of displaying a level for that channel, the Blue color is disabled and the lights in that channel are all displayed in the same color.
- **OFF** – Disables the function.

Encryption Code page

ID1 : 000 ID0 : 000
↑

Page purpose: This page maintains the code used to encrypt the audio transmitted to the receiver.

Parameters: (valid range: 000 to FFF, value step: 1)

- To move to the next character, momentarily press the **MENU** key.
- To change the designated character position, press the **INC** or **DEC** key.
- To exit this page, press the **MENU** key for 1 second.

NOTE: Both of these codes should always be set to 000 for normal un-coded operation.

Encryption Code Part 1 (ID1) and Encryption Code Part 0 (ID0)

On this page, 2 three-digit numbers are entered. These two numbers are formed into a single six-digit encryption code. This code is your encryption key for this unit. An identical code must be entered into the associated receiver for the audio to be properly decoded.

Enabling this function is useful when sensitive information must not be made public. Standard FM wireless transmitters can be picked up using scanners and other electronic devices. Unless a Zaxcom receiver is used, even an uncoded transmitter signal cannot be picked up using a scanner.

The six-digit encryption code provides a total of 16,777,216 possible choices.

If a Zaxcom receiver has been programmed with an encryption code, it will also continue to receive an uncoded transmitter (both ID#0 and ID#1 set to 000). Since the receiver has to check for two possible code situations, a slight performance penalty may be incurred during long-range reception. To avoid this, it is highly recommended that both the transmitter and receiver codes be set to 000:000 (uncoded) when high security communication is not required.

QRX100 Factory Setup Menu

FACTORY SETUP
PRESS ↑ TO EXIT

The Factory Setup Menu contains several pages that are infrequently changed, generally once per project, or less.

Entering the Factory Setup Menu

1. Go to the [Pacifier page](#) {p.15}.
2. Press and hold the **DEC** key until the Extended Menu page is displayed.
3. Press the **DEC** key until the Factory Setup Menu page is displayed.

Exiting the Factory Setup Menu

- Hold down the **MENU** key to get back to this page and press the **INC** key.
- OR**
- Press the **PWR** key.

NOTE: All changes are saved to Flash ROM as soon as they are committed.

Software Update page

PRESS ↑ TO
UPDATE SOFTWARE

Page purpose: This page sets up this receiver to have its program updated by over-the-air transmission from a TRXxxx transmitter.

Parameters: N/A

See [Upgrading the Firmware in each QRX series unit](#) {p.33} for more information.

Reception Error Counters page

Single Receiver Mode					
E000<	80	6.6	A2		
B000>	A	7.5	B2		
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

Dual Receiver Mode					
E000<	80	0.0	A1		
E206>	79	4.3	B1		

Page purpose: This page allows the Operator to diagnose reception problems.

Parameters:

Pressing the DEC key resets the error counts for both receivers.

- 1.) You will see an **E** as the first character indicating this is the **Reception Error Counters page**.

Dual Mode is indicated by an **E** at the beginning of both lines. Single Mode is indicated by an **E** at the beginning of the first line and a **B** at the beginning of the second line

- 2.) The two 3-digit counters indicate the block errors (a block is 0.5 ms of audio), one for each receiver.
- 3.) The arrows (< or >), indicate which antenna is currently being used by each receiver.
- 4.) To the right of the top arrow is the 2-digit RF signal strength meter (dB). **80dB** is about full scale and **30dB** is typically the lowest you should see with no antennas. Numbers beyond this range may indicate a hardware problem.

Below the RF signal strength field is an alpha character that indicates the count of uncorrectable blocks that made it through because both sides had an error at the same time. In Dual Mode this is where the 2-digit RF signal strength meter for Channel B appears.

NOTE: In Dual Mode, if you get a block error the audio for that block is lost. In Single Mode, the audio is lost only if both sides have an error at the same time.

- 5.) To the right of the signal strength meters are floating-point numbers that indicate the decoded signal's quality. The best is about **8.0** and the worst is **0.0**. The typical range is **7.6** to **5.0**.
- 6.) The right most **Ax** and **Bx** fields are antenna modes and they have no use at the moment and will probably change to something useful.

In Dual Mode, the top line is for the left receiver (channel A) and the bottom line is for the right receiver (channel B)

VCO page

VCO: 0.452	S4.5
M36-53	S5.5

Page purpose: This page is used to tune and debug the receiver's RF voltage controlled oscillator.

Parameters:

When receiving a signal, the VCO should typically be between 0.45 and 0.55. If not, the transmitter or receiver may be out of tune.

Mystery page

02 26 1E	00
02 27 1E	00

Page purpose: This page is used to ???.

Parameters:

DBits page

0X00S:

Page purpose: This page is used for faster debugging.

Parameters: Unless told to change this by Zaxcom, this has to stay set to **0X00S**.

AGC page

AGC A: 80.7	E589
OFF B: 80.9	E603

Page purpose: This page enables/disables the automatic gain control process.

Parameters: [OFF] / [ON]

Tube Synth page (requires Mono mode)

TUBE SYNTH:
0

Page purpose: This page controls a tube distortion effect that saturates and distorts like a tube amplifier.

Parameters: (valid range: **0** to **40**, value step: **1**)

This is designed for applications where vocals should sound loud when they are loud, instead of sounding perfect at all levels. This will primarily be used by the theater crowd.

NOTE: This page only operates on audio coming out of the LEFT audio connector.

Chapter 3 – New System Capabilities

Introduction

Our Software Engineers make changes to the firmware to make it easier to use or to correct a problem that an Operator has encountered. But, every once-in-a-while, they come up with some truly ground-breaking additions to the system. This chapter is dedicated to letting all of you, the Owners and Operators, know about all of these new capabilities. As part of that, I will do my best to explain how to use them.

Improvements

None at this time. The hardware and software are still being built up and out.

Know Firmware Problems

Receivers

NONE

Chapter 4 – Equipment Specifications

QRX100 Specifications

Receiver

Receiver Type	True / antenna diversity (mono or stereo)
RF Modulation	Proprietary digital method
RF Frequency Range	518.0 to 872.0 MHz (blocks are 20 to 36 MHz)
RF Frequency Step	100 KHz
RF Bandwidth	US Mode: 200 KHz Euro Mode: 125 KHz
Channel Separation	500 KHz (700 KHz recommended)
Sensitivity	-110 dBm
Antenna Connector	50-ohm SMA female

Receiver Audio - Analog Outputs

Channels	4
Audio Level	Line: -10 to 0 dBu active balanced
Dynamic Range	114 dB
Distortion	0.001%
DAC Bit-depth	24 bit
DAC Rate	48 kHz
Connector	TA-5M

Receiver Audio – Digital Outputs

Channels	4
Sample-rate	32 to 196 kHz
AES Reference	Wordclock and AES reference
Connector	TA-5M

IFB Transmitter/Receiver (optional)

Transmitter

RF Power Output	50 mW
Emission Designator	180 KV2E
FCC Part	CFR Title 47, Part 18

Receiver

Sensitivity	-96 dBm
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Common

Frequency Response	20 Hz to 12 kHz
RF Modulation	Digital Spread Spectrum
RF Frequency Range	2.403 to 2.475 GHz
RF Frequency Step	0.001 GHz (1 MHz)
RF Bandwidth	1 MHz
Channel Separation	2 MHz
Antenna Connector	50-ohm SMA female

IFB Audio

ADC Bit-depth	24 bit
ADC Rate	48 kHz
Dynamic range	103 dB
Distortion	0.01%
Frequency Response	20 Hz to 12 kHz
Highpass Filter	'OFF' or 30 to 220 Hz, step: 10 (6 dB per octave)
System Group Delay	10 ms

IFB Audio Input

Connector	1/8" Stereo (3.5 mm)
Type	Balanced
Level	-10 to +8 dBu
Impedance	10 k ohms

Timecode Input/Output (common connector)**Input**

Level Range	1 to 5V, P-P
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Output

Level Range	.2 to 3V, P-P
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Common

Connector	1/8" Stereo (3.5 mm)
Impedance	10 k ohms

Timecode Reader/Generator

Clock Accuracy	1.54 PPM (1 frame out in 6 hours)
Timecode Type	SMPTE
Timecode Frame-rates	23.98, 24, 25, 29.97NDF, 29.97DF, 30NDF, 30DF

Video Sync Output

Connector	SMA female
Level Range	1 to 5V, P-P
Impedance	10 k ohms

AES/Wordclock Input

Connector	1/8" Stereo (3.5 mm)
Level Range	1 to 5V, P-P
Impedance	10 k ohms

Remote Control

Protocol	RS-422, RS-485
Connector (x 2)	USB

Physical

Weight	6.0 oz (170 grams)
Dimensions (H x W x D)	1.25" x 3.25" x 5.25" (32mm x 83mm x 133mm)
External Power	8 to 18 VDC (270 mA @ 12 VDC – no side LEDs, 390 mA – w/ LEDs illuminated)
Internal Power	N/A
Display	Graphic LCD panel

Chapter 5 – Wiring Diagrams

NOTE: All of the diagrams in this chapter show the solder side of each connector.

QRX100 Cables

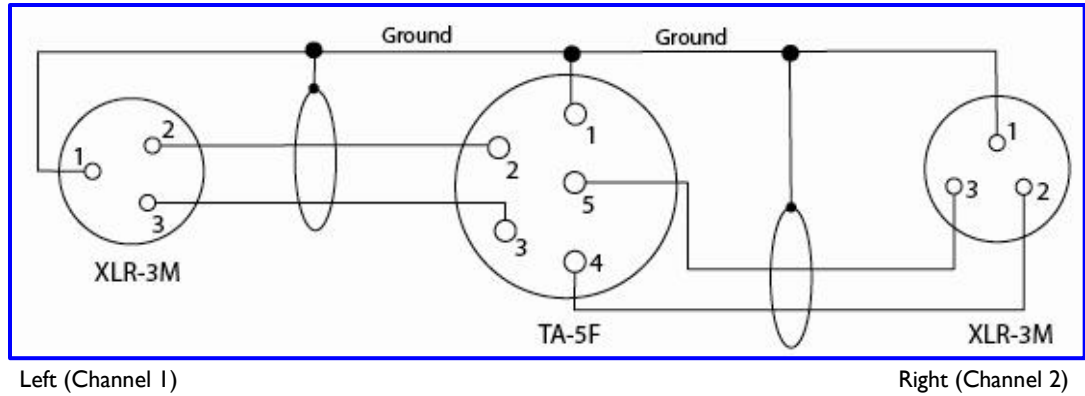


Figure 5-1 TA-5F to 2 XLR-3M Line-level Output Cable

Chapter 6 – Firmware Information

Firmware

Each unit is shipped with the latest firmware version installed.

Each time a unit is powered up, the firmware version number is displayed briefly on the LCD screen. Pressing the **DEC** key during the boot up will slow down the screen to allow easier viewing of the information.

For the RX900 (M / S) and RX4900, the unit must be returned to Zaxcom, to upgrade its firmware.

For the QRX100, as newer firmware becomes available, it can be downloaded from the Zaxcom website (http://zaxcom.com/software_up_dates.htm).

Software Prefix	Compatible Units	Software Update Instructions In:
TRX	TRX900, TRX900AA, TRX900LT, TRX900LTS, TRX992, TRX700, TRX800, IFB100	Transmitter User's Manual
ERX	ERX100	IFB & Remote Control User's Manual
QRX	QRX100(S/Q)	BELOW

Table 6-1 Software Compatibility List

NOTE: To make the most of corrections and improvements brought about by a newer firmware version, it is recommended that when you download a new QRX firmware version that you load all of your QRX100s at the same time.

CAUTION: This **SHOULD** go without saying but, to be fair to the uninitiated ...

To preclude being caught with your proverbial pants down, every time you download a new version of any Zaxcom firmware, keep a safety copy somewhere. If, during testing, you discover a problem serious enough to prevent using it, this will allow you to go back to the last good version and reload it.

Advantages to Upgrading the Firmware

By upgrading the software, the range and feature set have and will continue to dramatically increase over time. Zaxcom has a reputation for constantly adding additional features and user suggestions during the product's lifetime. This ensures that your wireless system will perform better and better, the longer you own it.

WARNING: This **SHOULD** go without saying but, to be fair to the uninitiated ...

If you are getting ready to work on a project, it is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you use a version you have had a chance to test thoroughly in advance of the project.

As with any Software/Firmware, Release Versions have been tested to the extent they can be before they are released (a combination of lab testing and field testing by a few stalwart individuals). It is still **POSSIBLE** that your use could exercise the firmware in a way not previously tested.

Therefore, check your newly installed firmware early and often!

Upgrading the Firmware in each QRX series unit

NOTE: Version TRX-6.26A or greater is required in the TRX9xx (the "Programming Transmitter") to perform this process.

Perform the following:

- 1) Format a media card in the Programming Transmitter.
- 2) Delete the "DELETE.ME" file on the card.
- 3) Download the QRX software and load it into the card's root folder.
- 4) Insert the card into the Programming Transmitter.
- 5) Turn 'ON' the Programming Transmitter and all QRXs.
- 6) At each QRX unit:
 - a. Verify the **Receiver Mode page** is set to **SINGLE**.
 - b. Set the **UHF Frequency Select page** to the same frequency as the Programming Transmitter.
 - c. If the receiver has a good connection, the LEDS for the **A** and **B Status Indicators** will be green. If they are Red, check that the Programming Transmitter has zeros in the **Encryption Code page**, and the **UHF Signal Format pages** in all units agree.
 - d. Go to the **Software Update page** and press the **INC** key 5 times.
 - e. The screen will display **Waiting for Program**. This indicates the receiver is ready to download the new version. Be sure to do this to all of your units, so they will be updated at the same time.
 - f. Place each QRX within 10' and line-of-sight of the Programming Transmitter. All of the units should remain TOTALLY motionless to insure they receive a strong and undisturbed signal, and minimize the possibility of something going awry.
- 7) At the Programming Transmitter:
 - a. With it turned 'OFF', press and hold the **MENU** key while starting it.
 - b. It will boot up into the **Extended Menu**.
 - c. Verify the **Allow IFB Remote Control page** is set to **OFF**.
 - d. Go to the **Send QRX Program page**.
 - e. Press the **INC** key.
 - f. It will indicate that it found the program on the card and has started sending it.

NOTE: This process will continue until manually stopped.

NOTE: A programming cycle takes less than 2 minutes.

- 8) Look at each QRX's screen. It should indicate it is receiving the program.
- 9) After 1 or 2 cycles, all of the receivers should be re-programmed. If there is a reception error, the affected receiver automatically restarts the process with the start of the next download cycle.
- 10) For those receivers that have been reprogrammed, the screen will display **SUCCESS**.
- 11) On the Programming Transmitter:
 - a. Press the **MENU** key to stop the download process.
 - b. If appropriate, change the **Allow IFB Remote Control page** back to **ON**.
 - c. Cycle its power.
- 12) At each QRX unit:
 - a. Cycle the power
 - b. Verify the new firmware version number is displayed
 - c. As necessary, set the **Receiver Mode page** to **DUAL**.

WARNING: After each QRX unit has received its entire program, it will erase and burn its firmware into the ROM (see the Yellow screens on the next page). During this process, which only takes a few seconds, you **MUST NOT** turn 'OFF' the unit.

If the program is never fully received, it is safe to cycle the power. In this case, turn 'OFF' the Programming Transmitter before power cycling the QRX unit.

The Programming Transmitter screen	Comments about the Programming Transmitter side	The QRX screen	Comments about the QRX side
		PRESS UP 5X TO UPDATE SOFTWARE	Be sure to start this side first. The update process will be completed faster.
PRESS ↑ TO SEND QRX PROG FILE	Once started, everything that follows happens automatically.	WAITING FOR PROGRAM	
NO QRX-XXX.BIN FILE ON SD CARD	This only appears if there is no card installed or no QRX file on it, if it is.		
FOUND QRX-xxx.BIN	Identifies what version is about to be transmitted.		
SENDING ERASE TEMP ROM COMMAND	This is the start of the loop. Once the last item on this side is done, it returns here.	ERASING TEMP ROM XX	At this point the temporary buffer used to store the new version is zeroed-out.
FOUND GOOD SECT XXX OF YYY	Displayed while sending the program. XXX = current sector, YYY = total #.	FOUND QRX-XXXX. WAITING	Identifies what version is about to be installed.
		FOUND GOOD SECTOR XXX:YYY	This is displayed while receiving program. XXX = current sector, YYY = total valid
SENDING BURN ROM COMMAND	Tells each QRX to replace the old version with the new version.	BAD SECTOR CHKSUM ZZZ	This is displayed if a sector is received incorrectly.
		WAITING FOR PROGRAM	If the signal is lost, even for a millisecond, the unit resets and waits for the next cycle.
		ERASING XX	To get here it has to be a good download. Clear out the old stored firmware version.
		BURNING ROM NNNNNN BYTES	Copy the received firmware into the permanent store.
		SUCCESS_ REBOOT NOW	Process completed successfully. Next time you start up, you're on the new version.

Table 6-2 QRX Firmware Load Process

NOTE: If you receive either of the two errors (QRX side, in red), it is **NOT** necessary to power cycle the unit. The unit will automatically restart the download process during the next programming cycle. Once the program has been successfully received, the screens highlighted in Yellow **CAN NOT** be interrupted.

Chapter 7 – Menu Sheets

Menu Sheet for QRX100

MENU SETTINGS

Standard Menu

- i. ([Pacifier page](#) {p.15})
(Displays: antenna being used, signal strength, audio level, receiver reception format, transmitter recorder status and transmitter battery capacity.)
- ii. **CHA>560.2:** _____ ([UHF Frequency Select page](#) {p.16})
(Valid range 30 MHz in 518 to 872 MHz, value step: 100 KHz)
- iii. **Tone:** _____ ([Test Tone page](#) {p.16})
[OFF] / [0dBFS] / [CH-ID] / [-20dBFS]
- iv. **PRESS ↑ TO SCAN:** _____ ([UHF Frequency Scan page](#) {p.16})
 - **Start a Scan:** Press the *INC* key
 - **Accept the Current Frequency Suggestion:** Press the *INC* key
 - **Display the Next Frequency Suggestion:** Press the *A/B* key
 - **Re-scan the Block:** Press the *DEC* key
 - **Start a New Scan:** Press the *MENU* key

Extended Menu – to reach these, go to the [Pacifier page](#) {p.15}, press and hold the *DEC* key until the Extended Menu page is displayed

- i. **RX MODE:** _____ ([Receiver Mode page](#) {p.18})
([SINGLE] / [DUAL])
- ii. **AES-12:** _____
AES-34: _____ ([AES Output Routing page](#) {p.18})
([OFF, OFF] / [OFF, ON] / [ON, OFF] / [ON, ON])
- iii. **OUTPUT ROUTING:** _____ ([Analog Output Routing page](#) {p.18})
([C1=L C2=R] / [C1=LR])
- iv. **PRESS UP 5X TO:** ([Software Update page](#) {p.19})
(See [Upgrading the Firmware in each ORX series unit](#) {p.33} for more information.)
- v. **RXA FMT:** _____ ([UHF Signal Format page](#) {p.19})
([NORMAL] / [NARROW])
- vi. **IFB OPTION:** _____ ([IFB Option page](#) {p.19})
([OFF] / [ON])
- vii. **POWER SAVER:** _____ ([Power Saver page](#) {p.19})
([OFF] / [ON])

- viii. **BACKLIGHT TIMER:** _____ ([Backlight Timer page](#) {p.20})
([OFF] \ [valid range: -1 to 5 to 29 SECONDS, value step: 1] / [ALWAYS ON])
- ix. **LED DIMMER:** _____ ([LED Dimmer page](#) {p.20})
([OFF] \ [valid range: 0 to 60] / [BRIGHT])
- x. **LED METER MODE:** _____ ([LED Meter Mode page](#) {p.20})
([OFF] / [BLUE PART TIME] / [BLUE FULL TIME])
- xi. **ID1:** _____ **ID0:** _____ ([Encryption Code page](#) {p.21})
(valid range: 000 to FFF, value step: 1, unless necessary, use 000)

Factory Setup Menu – to reach these, go to the [Pacifier page](#) {p.15}, press and hold the **DEC** key until the Extended Menu page is displayed, press the **DEC** key to display the Factory Setup Menu page

- i. **PRESS UP 5X TO:** ([Software Update page](#) {p.24})
(See [Upgrading the Firmware in each ORX series unit](#) {p.33} for more information.)
- ii. **E000:** ([Reception Error Counters page](#) {p.24})
- iii. **VCO:** ([VCO page](#) {p.25})
- iv. **02:** ([Mystery page](#) {p.25})
- v. **0X00S:** _____ ([DBits page](#) {p.25})
- vi. **AGC:** ([AGC page](#) {p.25})
([OFF] / [ON])
- vii. **TUBE SYNTH:** _____ ([Tube Synth page](#) {p.25})
(valid range: 0 to 40, value step: 1)

Chapter 8 – Digital Wireless System Quickstart

Common Settings for Associated Transmitters, Receivers and IFB

The following table identifies settings that must agree, to allow the associated UHF transmitters and receivers to work together:

UHF Transmitter side	UHF Receiver side
Standard Menu <i>UHF Frequency page</i>	Standard Menu <i>UHF Frequency Select page</i>
Extended Menu <i>UHF Signal Format page</i> <i>Encryption Code page</i>	Extended Menu <i>UHF Signal Format page</i> <i>Encryption Code page</i>

Table 8-1 Audio Settings that Must be Consistent

The following table identifies settings that must agree, to allow the associated IFB transmitter and receivers to work together:

IFB Receiver side	IFB Transmitter side
Extended Menu <i>Allow IFB Remote Control page</i> <i>IFB Signal Format page</i> <i>IFB Receiver Enable page</i> <i>Group ID page</i>	Extended Menu <i>IFB Signal Format page</i> <i>Group ID page</i>
 <i>Unit ID page</i> <i>IFB Frequency page</i>	Standard Menu <i>Remote Unit ID page</i> <i>IFB Frequency page</i>

Table 8-2 IFB Settings that Must be Consistent

The following table identifies settings that must agree, to allow the private channel to function:

UHF Transmitter side	UHF Receiver side
Extended Menu <i>Private Line Key Assignment page</i>	Extended Menu <i>Private Line Function Enable page</i>

Table 8-3 Private Channel Settings that Must be Consistent

NOTE: It should go without saying, for these units to function together, the same or compatible software versions must have been installed in all of the units.

Using Your Wireless Transmitters and Receivers

Receiver Related Preparation

Scan for an Open UHF Frequency

PRESS ↑ TO SCAN
TO SCAN (RXA)

PRESS ↑ TO SCAN
TO SCAN (RXB)

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1. Press the **MENU** key until the **UHF Frequency Scan page** appears.
2. If appropriate, press the A/B key to change to the other receiver.
3. Press the **INC** key to start the scanning process.
4. Once the scan has finished, press the **DEC** key to accept the suggested frequency.

IMPORTANT: The **SAME** frequency must be set in both the transmitter and its associated receiver.

Set the UHF Signal Format (Only required if changing to/from European Format)

EXTENDED MENU
PRESS ↑ TO EXIT

RXA>FMT NORMAL
RXB FMT NORMAL

RXA FMT NORMAL
RXB>FMT NORMAL

RXA FMT NORMAL
RXB>FMT NARROW

1. Press the **DEC** key while turning 'ON' the receiver power to enter the **Extended Menu**.
2. Press the **MENU** key until the **UHF Signal Format page** appears.
3. If appropriate, press the **A/B** key to change to the other receiver.
4. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key until the proper format appears.
Only use **NARROW** if the transmitter is set to European.

IMPORTANT:

- After changing the signal format, you must cycle the power before the change becomes active.
- Both the transmitter and receiver, **FOR THE SAME LINK**, must use the **SAME FORMAT**.

Enter the Encryption Code

If encryption is not required, leave all units set to "000".

ID1:000 ID0:000

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ID1:000 ID0:002

↑

ID1:000 ID0:002

↑

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **Encryption Code page** appears.
2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the current character position.
3. Press the **MENU** key to move to the next character position.

IMPORTANT: Both the receiver and transmitter codes for a specific channel **MUST MATCH**, or the signal cannot be decoded.

Transmitter Related Preparation

Power Switch

Only when the TRX900 (/ AA) & STAxxx Stereo Adapter are combined

Power Switch 'ON' TRX900 operates on internal battery.

Power Switch 'OFF' TRX900 operates on power provided by the STAxxx's external power connector.

All other transmitters and TRX900 (/ AA) w/o STAxxx

Power Switch 'ON' Unit operates on internal battery.

Power Switch 'OFF' Unit is 'OFF'.

Enter the UHF Frequency

TXFREQ 581.6
[] [] [] []

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **UHF Frequency page** appears.

TXFREQ 569.3
[] [] [] []

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to enter the associated receiver's frequency.

Set the UHF Signal Format (TRX900 (/ AA) w/ STAxxx)

EXTENDED MENU
PRESS UP TO EXIT

1. Press the **MENU** key while turning 'ON' the unit, to enter the Extended Menu.

TX FORMAT:
US MONO

2. Press the **MENU** key until the **UHF Signal Format page** appears.

(REBOOT)
STEREO

3. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key until it displays the appropriate value.

IMPORTANT:

- "STEREO" will only be used when a TRX900 (/ AA) has an STAxxx attached.
- After changing the signal format, you must cycle the power before the change becomes active.
- Both the transmitter and receiver, **FOR THE SAME LINK**, must be set to the **SAME FORMAT**.

Set Where Analog to Digital Conversion is to be Performed

ADC: INTERNAL
[] [] [] []

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **ADC Select page** appears.

ADC: STA-150
[] [] [] []

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key until it displays the appropriate value.

NOTES:

- Use **STA-150** with the TRX900 (/ AA) w/ STA150 in stereo mode. (TA-5F)
- Use **STA-100** with the TRX900 (/ AA) w/ STA100 in stereo mode. (TA-5F)
- Use **INTERNAL** with the TRX900 (/ AA) in mono mode. (micro-LEMO 3-pin mic input)
- Use **INTERNAL** with all other units.

Set the UHF Transmitter Power (May 2008 and later models)

TX POWER: 10MW

TX POWER: 50MW

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **UHF Transmitter Power page** appears.

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to raise or lower the Transmit Power.

NOTE: If this page does not appear, your transmitter is not equipped with this option.

Enter the Encryption Code

If encryption is not required, leave all units set to "000".

ID1:000 ID0:000

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1. Press the **MENU** key until the **Encryption Code page** appears.

ID1:000 ID0:002

↑

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the current character position.

ID1:000 ID0:002

↑

3. Press the **MENU** key to move to the next character position.

IMPORTANT: Both the receiver and transmitter codes for a specific channel **MUST MATCH**, or the signal cannot be decoded.

Remotely Controlling the Transmitters and Sending IFB Audio**IFB100 Related Preparation****Enter the IFB Transmitter Frequency for Your Group**

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FREQ: 2.403

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **IFB Frequency page** appears.

FREQ: 2.415

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the frequency.

Connect the Audio Source to the IFB transmitter**Enter a Unique Group ID for Your Gear**EXTENDED MENU
PRESS UP TO EXIT

1. Press the **MENU** key while turning 'ON' the unit, to enter the **Extended Menu**.

REMOTE CONTROL
GROUP ID=0

2. Press the **MENU** key until the **Group ID page** appears.

REMOTE CONTROL
GROUP ID=15

3. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the Group number.

Send Timecode from the TC Source to each Transmitter

TC SOURCE:
AUDIO INPUT

TC SOURCE:
SIDE CONNECTOR

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **Timecode Source page** appears.
2. Press the **INC** key until **Side Connector** appears.
3. Attach a cable from your recorder's TC output to your IFB100's TC-in connector.

Set the IFB Signal Format for Your Group

IFB FORMAT:
LOW Q

IFB FORMAT:
HIGH Q

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **IFB Signal Format page** appears.
2. Press the **DEC** key to change to **HIGH Q**.

IMPORTANT: Both the transmitter and **ALL** receivers must be set to the **SAME FORMAT**.

Cycle the IFB100's Power**TRX9xx Related Preparations****Enable the Remote Control Capability on the Unit**

EXTENDED MENU
PRESS UP TO EXIT

ALLOW IFB REMOTE
CONTROL: OFF

ALLOW IFB REMOTE
CONTROL: ON

1. Press the **MENU** key while turning 'ON' the unit, to enter the **Extended Menu**.
2. Press the **MENU** key until the **Allow IFB Remote Control page** appears.
3. Press the **INC** key to change to **ON**.

Set the IFB Format

IFB FORMAT:
LOW Q

IFB FORMAT:
HIGH Q

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **IFB Signal Format page** appears.
2. Press the **DEC** key to change to **HIGH Q**.

IMPORTANT: Both the transmitter and **ALL** receivers must be set to the **SAME FORMAT**.

Enable the IFB Receiver

RXMODE=OFF
RXED BLOCKS 000

RXMODE=RX
RXED BLOCKS 000

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **IFB Receiver Enable page** appears.
2. Press the **INC** key to change to **RX**.

Enter Your Gear's Group ID

REMOTE CONTROL
GROUP ID=0

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **Group ID page** appears.

REMOTE CONTROL
GROUP ID=15

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the Group number to the number you assigned to the IFB100 on page 41.

Assign a Unique Unit ID

REMOTE CONTROL
UNIT ID=001

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **Unit ID page** appears.

REMOTE CONTROL
UNIT ID=005

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the Unit number to the appropriate number.

Select the IFB Receiver's Frequency


FREQ: 2.403 RX
SIGNAL: 01 .

1. Press the **MENU** key until the **IFB Frequency page** appears.

FREQ: 2.415 RX
SIGNAL: 01 .

2. Press the **INC** or **DEC** key to change the frequency to the frequency you assigned to the IFB100 on page 41.

Select the Earpiece Source

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1. Attach the EA100 to the unit.

IFB EARPIECE:
REC/PLAY

2. Press the **MENU** key until the **Earpiece Source page** appears.

IFB EARPIECE:
IFB RX AUDIO

3. Press the **DEC** key to change to **IFB RX AUDIO**.

Cycle the Power of Your Transmitter

Chapter 9 – Zaxcom Warranty Policy and Limitations

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Warranty Limitations

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Limitation of Remedies

Your exclusive remedy for any defective Product is limited to the repair or replacement of the defective Product.

Zaxcom may elect which remedy or combination of remedies to provide in its sole discretion. Zaxcom shall have a reasonable time after determining that a defective Product exists to repair or replace a defective Product. Zaxcom's replacement Product under its limited warranty will be manufactured from new and serviceable used parts. Zaxcom's warranty applies to repaired or replaced Product for the balance of the applicable period of the original warranty or thirty days from the date of shipment of a repaired or replaced Product, whichever is longer.

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Zaxcom's entire liability for any defective Product shall, in no event, exceed the purchase price for the defective Product. This limitation applies even if Zaxcom cannot or does not repair or replace any defective Product and your exclusive remedy fails of its essential purpose.

No Consequential or Other Damages

Zaxcom has no liability for general, consequential, incidental or special damages. These include loss of recorded data, the cost of recovery of lost data, lost profits and the cost of the installation or removal of any Product, the installation of replacement Product, and any inspection, testing or redesign caused by any defect or by the repair or replacement of Product arising from a defect in any Product.

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 1. Is not present,
 2. Cannot reasonably be fixed because of damage occurring when the Product is in the possession of someone other than Zaxcom, or
 3. Is attributable to misuse, improper installation, alteration, including removing or obliterating labels and opening or removing external covers (unless authorized to do so by Zaxcom or an authorized Service Center), accident or mishandling while in the possession of someone other than Zaxcom.
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